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I. Call to order (Host's VO)

Good evening ladies and gentlemen. May I have your attention please. We are about to begin our dinner reception so please locate your respective seats and make yourself comfortable. The cocktail bar is also now open so help yourselves and enjoy some tropical drinks while waiting. The photobooth is also open so have those insta worthy OOTDs taken. Please use the hashtag #AprilFoundHerTradeMark when posting your photos on social media.

II. Prayer

Let us begin this celebration with a prayer. Let's all stand, bow down our heads and put ourselves in the presence of God.

*Heavenly Father, Love has been your richest and greatest gift to this world. Love between a man and a woman which matures into marriage. Today, we celebrate that love. For the joy of this occasion, we thank you for your presence here and now and at all times, we thank you. Protect, guide and bless Mark and April and everyone present here. Surround us with your love now and always. This we pray, in Jesus name, Amen.*

III. Host's Welcome Address:

"No relationship is all sunshine but two people can share one umbrella and survive the storm together."

Indeed, today we have witnessed two people who never gave up on each other and remained strong amid the storm. Now, they have chosen to seal their love with the sacred sacrament of marriage.

A lovely evening to everyone and welcome to Mark and April's Wedding Reception. By the way, my name is Kiko Millar. I am a friend of Lester and April and I have been given the task to be your host for tonight.

We are done with the solemn part of the celebration and we thank those people who were with us earlier at the Chapel on the Hill for the wedding ceremony. And for those who just joined in, Welcome!

And so, here we are in this very gorgeous place at the Almond Garden in Alfonso Cavite for the most exciting part- the Dinner Reception for our newlyweds in celebration of the beginning of their new life together. So sit down, relax and enjoy the rest of the evening.

We thank you all for gracing this joyful occasion especially to those who took a leave of absence from work or from school and to those who have traveled many miles just to be here with us. On behalf of Mark and April and their parents, I would like to express their heartfelt gratitude for your presence. It is indeed a pleasure to have you all tonight!

#### IV. Introduction and Acknowledgement

##### Parents:

Before anything else, we would like to acknowledge the key persons who took a great part of this joyous affair. For without their support, this event would not be made possible. Ladies and gentlemen, it is with great pleasure to introduce to you the parents of the newlyweds. As I call your names, please stand for a few seconds so that all our guests can recognize you. Let's start with the mother of the Bride: Mrs. \_ A big round of applause please. And of course we are also happy to have here with us the mother of the Groom, let us give a big hand to Mrs. \_

##### Principal Sponsors:

We would also like to acknowledge our Principal Sponsors. Same drill, please indulge us with your presence by standing once your names are called.

Ladies and Gentlemen, it is with great honor and gratitude that we now introduce to you the young at heart and spirit, the gracious and generous principal sponsors:

NAMES

Ladies and gentlemen, our most distinguished set of Principal Sponsors. A round of applause. Thank you Sirs and Ma'ams for taking time out to be with us.

## V. March of the Entourage

And now, may I request everyone to turn your attention to the parade of the wedding entourage!

Starting off with the pair that lit the paths of Groom and Bride, our Candle Sponsors: Mr and Ms

Next we have the pair that clothed the Groom and the Bride, our Veil Sponsors:

For our Chord Sponsors that bound our Groom and Bride, let's all welcome Mr

Next in line are our Groomsmen and Bridesmaids, let's all welcome:

Mr. and Ms.

Mr. and Ms.

Mr. and Ms.

And lastly, the handsomest Best Man and the gorgeous maid of honor who assisted the couple in their needs:

The Best Man and the maid of honor:

## VI. Video Intro (Save the Date followed by the Couple's Entrance)

At this point, may we request the lights to be dimmed and let us focus on the video wall. Let's all witness Mark and April's Save the Date Video. Roll VTR.

(Share comments about the video)

Alright. Moving on, toda calls for a grand celebration and it is my distinct pleasure to introduce them to you for the very first time as husband and wife. So without further ado, let us all rise and give our warmest welcome to Mr. And Mrs. Mark Lester Lumban

Couple Enters

Thank you very much. Truly, this momentous event marks a beautiful milestone of two hearts beginning a beautiful lifelong commitment. Congratulations April and Lester and best wishes to both of you. We pray for you to be blessed with a long and happy life together with your future family.

## VII. Dance Number of Couple with Friends (Habang Buhay)

Anyway, I hope everyone's settled. At this point, let me now call on stage April and Lester's close friends and let's set this stage ablaze with a very special dance number. Oh wait, kasama nga pala ako. Let me just change my hosting hat to my dancing hat. Sasayaw lang kami guys. Let's go guys!

## VIII. Father and Daughter Dance

And now, let's clear the dance floor for everyone except our bride to have this special time with the first woman in her life. May we request for Mrs. , the mother of the bride, to approach her daughter for the Mother and Daughter Dance.

### **Dance for 15 Seconds**

Ladies and Gentlemen, a round of applause for the mother and daughter dance. And now, the mother gives her daughter to the groom. The groom will now approach the mother of the bride

## IX. Couple's First Dance

Tonight is indeed a special night, and will be forever etched in the memory of our beloved couple. On this joyful beginning, what could be more fitting than to celebrate it with their first dance. As a wedding tradition, let us welcome Mark and April on the dance floor for their first dance as they dance their hearts away.

**After 1 minute:** Guests may now send their wishes by pinning bills on the couple's dresses. Ladies and gentleman, find your purses and wallets. It's now time for our money dance where you will get your chance to financially bless our couple.

Our maid of honors, best man and coordinators will be standing here to put the sash on the couple. You may approach them and they will hand you envelopes and safety pins where you can put 500 or 1000 peso bills. You can attach the envelopes to the sash the couple is wearing.

**After the dance:** Life may get a little offbeat for the couple and they may miss a step or two, but their hearts will always beat harmoniously for each other. Let's give another round of applause for Mark and April! And for those who blessed them with peso bills, thank you for your generosity. That will indeed go a long way for the couple.

## X. Cake Cutting and Wine Toast

Alright! As we all know guys, in every wedding reception, there is always the cutting of the wedding cake which actually symbolizes the couple's shared future and their life as one and maybe sprinkled with love and sweetness just like the cake. So may I request Mark and April to proceed to the cake's table.

Mark and April as now husband and wife will put their hands together to slice the cake. The two hands moving as one with one purpose symbolizes that the two will work in unity to reach common goals for their shared future and their life together as one. The couple will then share the cake with each other. This symbolizes their willingness to fulfill each other's needs, creating a bond so simple yet so strong!

Now, to symbolize and celebrate the blending of your two lives into one. This ceremony represents your two individual lives, now intertwined; combined like the two glasses of wine into one single life. The drinking of the combined wine signifies the commitment you now make to live your lives as one family.

As with a glass of wine, one of you may find it sweet, the other perhaps dry or somehow different. Let the drink you share today serve as a reminder that although you may perceive things very differently, being right is never more important than being happy. With this space that you give each other, always putting your commitment to love and honor one another first, your lives together will grow deeper, richer and greatly satisfying, like a rare and fine wine.

After the Ceremony: Now that the cake has been served and the wine has been drunk let us seal it with a sweet kiss. Mark and April, if you could just give our guests' request please. Guys, help me out here, let's all shout KISS!

## XI. First Game

Ladies and gentlemen, we are now halfway through the program. I know most of you must already be hungry and are looking forward to dinner. But before we head on and stuff ourselves with a sumptuous feast that the couple has prepared for us, let's first test how well you know Mark and April through this Game we will play and is called: The Bride or the Groom?

Don't worry guys, this is not rocket science and you don't need to guess specific dates or birthdays! So don't be pressured because the rules are very simple. On each of your tables, you will see two sticks with the words Bride or Groom in it.

I will ask a series of questions and in each question, a member from the table will be a representative and answer the question. You just need to choose if it's the Groom or if it's the bride. The most exciting part is, the table who wins the game gets the chance to be the first to approach the buffet dinner table. So are you guys ready?

I was just kidding guys. I believe the couple has prepared a simple token for those who will win the game. Am I right?

### GAME

Thank you everyone for your participation. Goes to show how well you know our couple.

We have not reached halfway of the program yet but I'm pretty sure that some of us are already famished. Since there are still a lot of exciting activities in store for us, we need the energy to carry out all these tasks later.

At this point, to maintain order, the coordinators will approach your table after saying grace before meals or the prayer and the guests from that table will be requested to proceed to the location of the couple for a photo op. Right after that, they can line up at the buffet counter to get their dinner. Please wait for the coordinators to approach your table.

XII. Grace Before Meals

Now, let's call on \_\_\_\_\_ to lead us into prayer and to say grace before meals.

*Lord God, Creator of the universe, Father of us all, we have gathered here around this dinner table to celebrate the love and commitment that have united Lester and April in a wonderful bond of marriage.*

*Bless, Father, this food that we are about to receive with grateful hearts as a sign of your continuous bounty and providence. May your generous blessing descend upon this newly married couple, their families and friends present here at this joyful banquet.*

*We ask that you bless them, protect them, and fill their lives with your wisdom. We pray that our Lester and April would continually desire to be a heavenly mate. May they be determined to make you the center of their home. We make this prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever. Amen.*

XIII. Dinner

XIV. Song Number

Ladies and Gentlemen, as you are enjoying your dinner, let me serenade you with a medley of love songs. Maestro, music please

XV. Messages

I know you have written your messages for the couple but let us hear some of the most important people in Lester and April's lives.

A. God Parents

In all senses of the word, Godparents are guardians of the faith. The bride and groom should treat this role not merely as a gift givers during nuptials, but also co-sharers to the promise of a lifetime of christian commitment. And for the Godparents who will give their message to the couple, let's welcome:



After the message

Thank you for your wisdom Ma'am and Sir. Again, a big hand for:

#### **B. Friends**

A wedding brings two people and their friends together. It refreshes the ties and takes friendships to another level. Now, we would like to proceed with the messages from Lester and April's friends. These are the people who literally witnessed the romance between the groom and the bride blossom into a serious relationship. May we call on \_ and share with us what they know about the couple.

After the message

Thank you dear friends by indulging us with your inspirational stories with the couple.

Before we get too emotional by the messages for our couple. Why don't we play a game? Do you guys want to play?

#### **XVI. 2nd Game: Rock Paper Scissors**

Alright. This is exciting. But please pay attention to me first as I give you the mechanics of our second game. Prior to us getting here, our dear coordinators have already set up the game for us. They have placed a piece of paper beneath each and every chair so I want all of you to grab on that piece of paper and hold on to it. Out of these pieces of paper, there are 3 special and unique pieces of paper that have very important roles. Right now, we want to know first those who have gotten the special paper. Will you please raise your hand? Alright. So if you are one of these paper holders, you should be holding 2 pieces of paper that were glued side by side. I want you to separate the paper, hold on to the special paper, keep it safe and hidden and only use the regular paper for the game.

As for the rest, please listen carefully for the next set of instructions. This game is very simple yet very popular and fun. Your first job is to find an opponent from your table and battle with Rock Paper Scissors. It's best of one only so the losing person will now then give his or her piece of paper to the winning person. The winning person then finds a new opponent who is also a winner from your table or another table. Then the same rule continues. The person who gathers the most number of papers wins the game.

## GAME

Congratulations to all our winners. You did a very good job everyone!

### XVII. Message from the maid of honor

I believe everyone is settled. Now, to continue the messages for our lovely couple, let's now call on Jinel who assisted our bride in all her needs to give her message.

Thank you, Genel for that heartfelt message

### XVIII. Best Man's Toast

This time, let's fill our glasses with any drink that we can get and join the best man in his message for the couple followed by the symbolic wine toast. Let's now call on stage Mr:

Let's give our best man a nice hand for a great toast!

### XIX. Message from Parents

It is said that our parents are our first teachers, having raised us patiently from childhood to adulthood. They have been our source of comfort, support and inspiration. Lester and April are truly blessed with such wonderful parents. Though both Lester and April's fathers can't both be with us tonight physically, I am certain that they are here with us in mind and in spirit. Now, to give their warmest messages to our couple, let me call on the Mothers of the Couple to say a few words of wisdom and best wishes to our newlyweds. Let's start with the Groom's Mother and then followed by the Bride's Mother.

Thank you\_ for such wonderful and meaningful speeches.

- XX. Bouquet
- XXI. Retrieval of Garter
- XXII. Match Making

May I request for the gentleman with the quick hand who now has in his possession the garter. Please come forward and take your place beside the lady who has the bouquet.

Congratulations Sir. May I have your name please?

Thank you Mr\_ Friends, let's give this gentleman a big hand.

Now that we have already found a perfect match. The next bride and groom to be in the future, it is time for another ritual. The gentleman who got the garter is to put it on the lady who caught the bouquet. At this point, we would like to request Ms\_ to please have a seat while Mr\_ will put the garter.

Ladies and gentlemen, Mr\_ will now put the garter on Ms\_.

There you have it ladies and gentlemen. Our new lovely pair and if it would not be too much to ask, we would like the gentleman to give the lady a kiss on the hand.

Thank you Mr. and Ms. Let us give them both a big hand.

At this point, we request that both of you remain on stage for the picture taking. The newlyweds will now pose with our lovely new pair.

Photo taken

Again, thank you Mr and Ms for your participation. You may now return to your seats.

### XXIII. Token Giving to Principal Sponsors (Optional)

We are truly grateful not only for the presence but also the wonderful cooperation of our sponsors as well as the members of the entourage. April and Lester and their parents would like to express their sincere gratitude for all the help and support and for making

this memorable occasion a great success. We would like to request our Matron of Honor\_ to distribute our tokens of gratitude to our sponsors.

#### XXIV. Same Day Edit Video

We are almost at the end of tonight's program and before we finally hear the messages from our couple, let's all focus our attention on the video screen and watch April and Mark's Same Day Edit Video. Lights off please

WOW. I couldn't really help it but become emotional whenever I watch Same Day Edit Videos. What more that I am here tonight, hosting one memorable and incredible wedding. Kudos to the creator of Mark and April's Same Day Edit. They are also the creators behind the couple's gorgeous save the date video that we watched earlier.

#### XXV. Message from Couple

The night and this reception have almost come to an end but for our newlyweds, it is just the beginning of their new life together. As we each go home, may this day be memorable for all of us as it is to them. To personally convey their heartfelt gratitude, let us now lend our ears to the newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Lumban

#### XXVI. Closing Message

Thank you Mark and April. Thank you as well for the great opportunity hosting your wedding reception. Ladies and gentlemen, we have finally come to the end of the program. It has been a great day and a wonderful evening with you all. For those who will go home, please stay safe and for those who will stay for the party, let's all have some fun!

#### XXVII. Party